

INTRODUCTION

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It is my pleasure, once again, to announce the seventeenth annual statewide Summer Reading Program in Tennessee. The 2005 program has been a labor of love for a group of dedicated, creative librarians from across the state. In the attached pages you will find ideas and artwork designed not only to encourage the individual reading habits of older kids but also to inspire and delight preschoolers and toddlers just learning to talk. In addition to this manual of programs, a more complete version will be available online. The online version includes many good ideas to make the manual more useful in planning and implementing your summer reading program. You may access the full manual at www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/p&d/ .

The Summer Reading Program theme this year is “Be Major League: READ!” as symbolized again by the wonderful artwork of Norris Hall depicting reading and the love of sports. We are deeply appreciative of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries for the contribution they have made in order to secure Hall’s artwork. We are also grateful to the Tennessee Library Association’s Children’s and Young Adult Services Roundtable, for their tireless dedication to the improvement of library services for our young people.

Last year Tennessee’s children read over 1.5 million books during the Summer Reading Program! Seen in terms of per capita costs, this statewide program continues to be a terrific bargain in terms of numbers of families reached and forever enriched by the reading habits of their children. Early educational opportunities such as the Summer Reading Program can also influence entire communities whose young ones grow into well-read citizens and leaders eager to make a positive difference in their world.

The Summer Reading Program Committee, as indicated on page ii in this manual, worked diligently for several months to ensure a quality product for children’s program directors. Our deepest gratitude and appreciation go to this committee for all the work they did to make this manual extremely useful. In addition, I want to thank Robert Greene in the Publications Division of the Secretary of State’s office for his diligence and expertise needed for the production of the program materials, and Amanda Jackson, Children’s Services Consultant in the State Library and Archives.

The success of the Summer Reading Program depends on all of us in partnership with one another. Librarians, educators, community leaders, parents, and children can use this manual of ideas to support a delightful center of learning in all our local public libraries.

Please join us for our exciting “Be Major League: READ!” 2005 Summer Reading Program!!!

2005 Summer Reading Program Committee

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I would like to express my gratitude to those wonderful ladies who served on this year's Summer Reading Program Committee. Without your creativity and inspiration, I would never have been able to put this manual together. This is a fantastic program, and it is all due to your tireless efforts to make it the best program yet. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Amanda B. Jackson, Tennessee State Library and Archives Children's Services Consultant

ARTWORK FOR "BE MAJOR LEAGUE: READ"

Norris Hall, artist for the 2005 Summer Reading Program, captures the imagination with his charming illustrations. Once again, the Tennessee Library Association's Children and Young Adult Services Roundtable worked tirelessly to acquire Norris Hall's talent and creativity.

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